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BLOOMPIELD, Dec. 1, 1874 To Dr. J. A. Davis, Hon. J. F. Sanxay, Rev.

Dr. Coe and others. GENTLEMEN-Your request for a copy of in our village GAZETTE, I feel to be more us, and cannot, for God has isolated us by complimentary than its merits warrant -Being unexpectedly called upon and at short notice to preach on this occasion, my preparation was hurried and unsatisfacto ry to myself: but submitting to your judg-ment that its usefulness may be extended. place it at your disposal for that purpose Respectfully, H. SPELLMETER.

A SERMON

DELIVERED ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV 26, 1874, IN THE WESTMINSTER CHURCH BLOOMFIELD, N. J., BEFORE THE UNITED CONGREGATIONS OF PRESENTERIAN, BAP-TIST AND METHODIST CHURCHES, BY REV. HENRY SPELLMEYER, PASTOR OF THE M. E. CHURCH. Published by re-

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me" !- Psalm, cari.,

national affairs in general, and to indulge s good deal in what Jeremy Taylor calls the liberty of prophesying." Others think it should bear the same relation to

Thanksgiving Day is a day for giving ing, proves the necessity and wisdom of its shall kindle in us a spirit of thanksgiving. establishment in this part of Newark. It There is one peril which threatens our na tional prosperity, above all others. It is ing that while we cannot render an adequate, we may a sufficient compensation

This is an American day, and one of our Yankee ideas. True! many national recall that on the shores of the Red Sea ommemorating the escape of the children of Israel from the fury of Pharaoh fleet in the Aegean; that most nations are inequalities exist at the start, any man and of mighty waters- "typical of the ime when the followers of the Lamb shall shout their triumphal chorus on the ses of glass." I recall the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles a thanksgiving not only for ancestral favors, but for the ingathering of the harvest-when in booths erected in the open air, whole families gathered together before the Lord. Great victories have occasioned such a festival After the victory of the Black Prince eight days of solemn thanksgivings were observed in England; after the battle of Cressy, Edward the Third commanded all boasting to cease and issued orders that men should go to their knees, after the Spanish Armada which threatened both liberty and Protestantism, was destroyed by a storm at sea, England had a national Thankagiving. and Queen Elizabeth directed that a medal should be struck bearing the inscription, "Affireit Deus, et dissipantur," But with us it is a Yearly Pestival, It civilization. s not a day to celebrate any special victo-George Washington is the only saint yet would change it into a season of bibulous conjugate the same verb, and when Augus-honored with a legal holiday in our calen-hilarity. The Chinaman comes. He will tus dont know his lesson, and Tom does-

to the Almighty. In the proclamation for the observance of washed away. Law, the Bible, the Ohristan Sabbath do not mean as much as they schools. Chesp teachers are always dear, Divine Providence than there used to be. once did More superstition comes to us Morel we want uncommon teachers Twenty years ago these words formed a than religion; more muscle, than brain-uncommon schools, I hope the day will Twenty years ago these words formed a part of a Proclamation: "Nothing can be lost by recognizing the obligations which watchful lest the mingling of these school, so that children who are arrogent

we should devoutly thank Him!

ny Thanksgiving Sermon for publication perity. No feudal or despotic lands touch came!"

the Old World knows of has come to us.

The church should be alive. The gosparts of our country have been scourged by flame, parts inundated by flood, parts devoured by fly.

The church should fly. Printing presses in undated by flood, parts devoured by fly.

To the poor, and not only the ability thank of the disposition. God is giving us the opportunity of becoming a Christian people. Usually the Lord does all he can daily mercies, constant, unwavering. Exto the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. Now these are ordinary mercies are the breaks in the luck. If business is good, that is good that is good that is good in the extraordinary. Ordinary mercies are the breaks in the luck. If a failure, that is bad luck. They don't thank God much, or themselves to save a man, and then says," go to the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. Now these are ordinary mercies, but they are as truly marvels as don't thank God much, or themselves daily mercies, constant, unwavering. Exto save a man, and then says," go to traordinary mercies are the breaks in the kind of a creature luck is whether the contract of the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. Now these are ordinary mercies, but they are as truly marvels as don't thank God much, or themselves the extraordinary mercies, constant, unwavering. Exto the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. Now these are ordinary mercies, but they are as truly marvels as the business is good, that is good to the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. Now these are ordinary in the luck. If business is good, that is good to the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. It is a failure, that is good to the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. It is a failure, that is good to the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. It is a failure, that is good to the poor, and not only the ability thank ed by our family. It is a failure, that is good to the poor thank

The physical geography of our land encourages science. We have a field to sequently. which we can send almost any scientist to pursue his studies. We have Michigan the year that an index does to a book. It with ores and minerals; the States of the should tell what has happened-how,- South with plants and flowers; and caves and mountains full of treasures. We have prairies to run rails over, great mountains can take up any branch of learning. Rich n every science are we, except archæology given us the ability to live alone. We need not go to Australia for gold and sil ver: nor to Austria for quicksilver; nor to als not of all, for they are like the stars in Wales for coal; nor to Italy for Petrolecm. water. It is religious liberty in America. The mountains of Colorado are full of Here every man is a Pope, and the church

gold, and Idaho and Montana gleam with

Now remember that Israel was scattered then—get there! And what child rich of Make the pulpits strong! Build up the among the mountains of Palestine; that poor, but has heard it said of him, "be Sunday School! Scatter the Bible, and Italy is crammed down into the bootleg a good boy and you may be President the Tract! Intelligence and the Gospel of Europe," that Greece is anchored like a sometime." near geographically other nations, that are may rise higher than every other man, if greedy and troublous, and perhaps we will be can no matter how low down he was agree with Dr. Joseph Parker, in the Nonconformist of London, "America has a lic School system. magnificent future, and in my opinion is on the point of laying her band on the su-

as much

to is, as to the regions near the Delta of from." You are going to be an American We must meet foreigners with an example the Mississippi, gathered almost from every degree of latitude. Some call it mud, and say it breeds mikem. There is missim in it, but in intelligence is a few mass min it, ingreen an equal chance with an example so pure and religious that they shall feel out of place until they conform to it. We must make our lives an awful contrast to saiding you more than another, but by given theirs—living epistles "known and read of their saiding and an equal chance with a saiding to be an american we must meet foreigners with an example so pure and religious that they shall feel out of place until they conform to it. We must make our lives an awful contrast to saiding you more than another, but by given an equal chance with a saiding the saiding to be an american we must make foreigners with an example so pure and religious that they shall feel out of place until they conform to it.

honored with a legal holiday in our calenday. It is not an anniversary day, as the
work for about nothing, and so depreciates
the dunce goes to the foot. And this lesson
the value of labor. The Irishman comes
that the Public school teaches, that Dunces the Home. It is a day when by civil with muscle and a more loyal devot on to must go down, and Smart men must go authority we are urged to say our prayers. America is that much Christian anyway—tion is bringing to us a muddy mass of for twenty four hours once a year she superstition, idolstry and directed. We stands still before the altar to offer incense are importing vast material for a spiritual ed. The school tax, should be the last tax o the Almighty.

In the proclamation for the observance of washed away. Law, the Bible, the Chriswe owe to the Supreme Being—by it much strange materials may produce strife and and Popish shall mix with those that are the skies, as if in gratitude. Mr. Carivle stop too long to weep over spilt water 1,

REV. H. SPELLMEYER, Dear Sir: The very sure about it, but sagely concludes deposit of the receding Nile is the richest we carn our titles.

Undersigned, having, in common with that to pray and feel thankful cannot do soil of Egypt, after the sunlight purifies it.

Perhaps manhood is not the standard bundreds of our fellow citizens, listened much harm. The words of our President and may not this deposit of the Old World yet. We had had rogues in office—a few. bundreds of our fellow citizens, listened much harm. The words of our President and may not this deposit of the Old World yet. We had had rogues in office—a few. the Biblical idea. We are unworthy of reason. Why do we not in gaudy dress, with great pleasure and satisfaction to your have a clearer ring—"I, Ulysses S. Grant, be to us a rich treasure? We have room of the least of God's mercies. And instead make the prison ring with our idiotic do recommend to all citizens to assemble enough for it. The undeveloped West Good men shall sit upon the bench, good thank God for. in their respective places of worship, and seems to have been designed for log cabmen shall make our laws, good men shall nation of its valuable thoughts will con- express their thanks for the mercy and ins. We have work enough for the for- govern us! Party shall go down and good fits of life. The greatest marvels in the more than ourselves, yet they have been quarter of a century ago Thomas Carlyle To every stranger who steps on our shores, a token of the day coming when men shall awaked, for the Lord sustained us. said America was an experiment. And it I would say : "We are glad to see you! be elected, because they are worthy. was in the sense that some of our funda- Either you will do us good by your hea mental ideas were untiled. But to-day, or your hands, or we are bound to do you the world knows it is an experiment no good, and so hem you in by intelligence fabis!" (abstain from beans) He referred darkened before we can measure its sweet-longer.

and religion that you must be a good citi-not to our article of food, but to beans, ness. And the first thing we felt was air. Our situation has conduced to our prosperity. No feudal or despotic lands touch came!"

and religion that you must be a good citiblack and white, used as ballots. Too
many good men abstain from beans
on Election Day. And it is a sacred duty
black and white, used as ballots. Too
come it would like an angel to fan fevered
on Election Day. And it is a sacred duty
brows, and to furnish fuel for the flame of
children and yours! Do you miss them tothe flame of children and yours! Thank God then who keeps the sparrows,
on Election Day. And it is a sacred duty

But there is a two-fold danger. the coasts, that have preserved our peace. We have had one civil war, Secession so much as the billows that dash against came from the South, next time it may them. Had Rome been nearer our bold at come from the West. Once the West feels tacks, might have stirred up strife. Had an ability to stand alone, the West-not as sun, yet that is the direction in which we we been nearer to Asia, her greedy maw it is to-day, but as it is becoming by the are moving. Were not Pagan nor especmight have devoured us. The English influx of new customs, new creeds may worldly and may worship Mammon." same hard that brings food to the sparrows, Lion and the American Eagle might have seize the opportutity, and the East must done more than roar and snap eyes at each other, had there been no cold Atlantic be. and the North must make it to be the interest of the West, other, had there been no cold Atlantic be. tween them. God has laid out America for est of the South, to maintain a rational the Lord means that we shall be a Christhat we have that for which if we had it not peace and prosperity among the nations— unity. Then too intelligence must be dif. God's Word is not bound: Every man any sum of money, and take any voyage or law been seen before many homes. Ours may go to the fountain himself for the medicine. It means that this delicate harp seem to have been built on a rock, others shall be within her walls and prosperity supplemented by brain. We want a truth. The minds of the people are not of a thousand strings which we call health on the sand. And "what have we renderwithin her palaces"—but that could not be, for we went to fighting among ourselves.

Sobool and a church to follow every emilectered by superstition, but prepared by has been so mercifully preserved by our education for the Gospel.

Father, that no string has snapped even ward us."

Consider the board of the people are not of a thousand strings which we call nearly ed unto the Lord for all his benefits to education for the Gospel.

Father, that no string has snapped even ward us." for we went to fighting among ourselves. grant train We want lectures on Agri-No great devastation has laid us low, culture, on Social and Political science We have not been destroyed by water or not by harlequins, but by the sblest men of a storm in midsummer, though dreadful bullets may be saved! Let there be a and irreligion to America to be christianiz intelligence not concerning religion only. us. When the West has cried out, the but upon all good subjects, free and broad

cast through the land! Of the other danger, I will speak sub-2. The second National benefit which

idea of Freedom. Freedom means to us more than to other nations. It has cost us more. Our liberty parts of the earth, to hear the Gospel Our ballot box is free. Any citizen black pity to christianize as ours, to-day, or white, may drop in his vote, and it d es just as much to elect, and to dethrone thanks. We need sermons to day that America is a Natural University where we as the vote of any other citizen, no matter that his station, Religion is tree. Our fore fathers came here to find religious, free

ed Pere Hyacinthe dared to do what? dare differ from every man who dares to have that they shall all work together for differ from me" That is treason scross the the glory of God and the good of men. is not a list of dusty dogmas, but of human it. Pennsylvania is one vast coal bed, of glory. Not only is religion free, but tion, and keep the Bible in the school by west of the Misslesippi we can scoop up every office is free. Do you want to be statute. Intemperance should go down by quicksilver and as for Petroleum, we have President of the United States? You may law, and a proper Sabbath observance be! Fulfill two conditions and you may be! first be a man, a c'tizen of America, and Now remember that Israel was scattered then-get there! And what child rich or

when he began to rise!

I will illustrate this thought by our Pubas a place to grind out and to grind up back it. Now while legislation may help scholars. It is a place to grind out American citizens. It is where we teach Democration, and the like, it will not and can By many it is thought that our natural cratic equality. It brings the boys of the not do it alone. It is not the first thing, attractions may work an inju y. The Old rich and the poor together on one level. World is entering the New-not with must kets and cannon, but with what many dread as much. The Public school make such laws worth much if we had says to every boy who knocks for admis- them. We, the Christian people, must but in intelligence, in a free government, and in a free government, and in a free gospel, there is a saniight which will sweeten it, and produce a fertile soil out of which will grow an imperial Smith the hodgarriers son, and Augustus Lord means to use to send over the world. time elbow to elbow, and Smith is below, wires and keys are not adjusted yet. Now ry or deliverence. It is not a Saint's day would change it into a season of bibulous conjugate the same verb, and when Augus and give no uncertain sound, that by the

may be gained." The magistrate is not anarchy. But there is another side. The bumble and unpretentious, and learn that says with more sense and religion that a | 8, Let me hurriedly mention some special because the best of the rights which call for devout thanks. very sure about it, but sagely concludes, deposit of the receding Nite is the richest here we are not born kings and queens, but

people do under heaven. We have re-bility. It cost Prof. Scelye, just three

the polis. Rogues always do, and go ue that. We do not. "Truly the light is often. Pythagoras once said 'Abstine a sweet." Yes, but first the sun must be Home is where our wives and children with every good citizen to do all he can life. And we had clothes to put on. Clothoceans. It has not been the forts along Immigration may produce disintegration, to elect good men, and to defeat bad ing made by the stitch, stitch, of some poor

and that calls for devout Thanksgiving, out. God who clothes the lilles, has some-Strictly speaking we are not purely chris-

The aim of our laws and of our governtian Nation. We have the possibility.

the Golden Gate on the West, and many and Ireland are entering on the East. They say they come here for work, for homes for liberty. God says, they are com-As you to day have come from many dishe ald evoke gratitude is our American rections, to this place of worship, so the church of America is being filled with men

And never had a nation such an opportu-But during the process of evangelizing there are dangers. Already the fight rages over the Bible, or rather over a particular version of it. We see the omens of trop ble. Already our Satbaths are losing their sanctity. Parks, saloons, beer gar dens, theatres swarm on the Lord's day To deny Papal Infallibility? No! To deny The different sects are clashing again transubstantiation? No! He dared to say each other. And to-day the great prob I have my own religious convictions, and lem is, so to harmonize the elements we

We hear of two projects. One party says - Legislate! This is a Christian land! Let us tell the world so!" souls that have Christ in them the hope they would recognize God in the Constitusays-Create a strong Christian sentiment are mightier than all that can be against

What is law ! It is the sentiment of the seople, or should be. Law and moral seniment differ not in nature, but in point of time. The law does not create the sentiment. Public sentiment creates the law TherFree School is often looked upon Law is a dead letter unless the people back it. Now while legislation may help hold distinct views, and live up to toem.

> the sweet strains of the Gospel. the discord -by and by the music. contrast harmonizing shall be easier. II .- Passing now from those benefits pe uliar to us as a nation, I come to speak f those peculiar to us as individuals. The ed man will find nothing to thank God for to-day. I ruppose to him. Thanksgiving is a grotesque idea. He will say, we cannot thank God for plenty, —off in Nebraska they famish, in New York, the money-making power is paralyzed,we are a stupid lot of folks! And

reckon every degree ascending from that giving. There are benefits pouliar to us point, as an occasion for thanks. His is as individuals. We have to thank God for

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**Express their thanks for the mercy and duce to the best interests of religion, morality and good citizenship, respectfully as a day of rest, thanksgiving and give him a farm; if a miner, we have give him a farm; if a miner, we have selected to Congress. He is a scholarly christian. How men shall go up! This mouth Prof. Seelye day as a day of rest, thanksgiving and give him a farm; if a miner, we have selected to Congress. He is a scholarly christian. How men shall go up! This mouth Prof. Seelye day as a day of rest, thanksgiving of Almberst colllege was elected to Congress. He is a scholarly christian. How more than ourselves, yet they have been up. This mouth Prof. Seelye day as a day of rest, thanksgiving and give him a farm; if a miner, we have selected to Congress. He is a scholarly christian. How men shall go up! This mouth Prof. Seelye day as a day of rest, thanksgiving and spire him a farm; if a miner, we have selected to Congress. He is a scholarly christian. How men shall go up! This mouth Prof. Seelye day of rest, thanksgiving and spire him a farm; if a miner, we have selected to Congress. He is a scholarly christian. How men shall go up! This mouth Prof. Seelye day as a day of rest, thanksgiving and spire him a farm; if a miner, we have selected to Congress. He is a scholarly christian. How men shall go up! This mouth Prof. Seelye day of rest, than is to lie awake night after night, with the of his limbs, but we have ever lost the use eye-balls bot, hard and throbbing, until of ours, and "what have we rendered unto To America, as to few nations, He has sources enough. We have coal enough, given the opportunity of greatness. A and farm land enough, and wool enough.

Seelye, just three eye-balls bot, hard and throbbing, until of ours, and what have we rendered unto centa. And that he turned over to his you feel as if madness were coming on. the Lord for all His benefits toward us?"

To America, as to few nations, He has sources enough. We have coal enough. Seelye, just three eye-balls bot, hard and throbbing, until of ours, and what have we rendered unto you feel as if madness were coming on. There are benefits of the home for which are also as a should be greateful. Home is more than

giri maybe, with fingers well nigh worn of 3. But again, we are a Christian People at the tips, and with life well nigh worn how, given us enough to wear. And there was food upon our table. Perhaps at times we have scarcely known where it has not forgott n to bring ours. And we we would make every exertion, and spend We have the benefit of all great dis-overies and inventions. There is wealth left her throne. We had the use of our coveries and inventions. There is wealth

> 2. Consider some of those things often apt to confound benefits with advantages. A benefit is that which does us good; an success is regulated by intelligence and Now it is often a benefit to go backward.
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> And in rendering thanks to God to day we not often worked hard and failed. Have advantage is that which lifts us forward. must count in our seeming failures, as well we not often done our best, and made less as our actual successes. It is a benefit to many to be poor. Everyone here who has made earnest, honest en-

of all colors and habits and creeds, from all and saving, if he has failed, hi poverty is given you health to make money. If he had deavors to get rich, who has been prudent blessing to him. Perhaps if you had blessing to him. Perhaps if you had what would have all your sharpness have een rich, you might have lost your character, or your conscience, or your health, or O Lord, make me rich! Give me land any rate. Business is not a lottery wheel, and stocks! I won't allow them to corrupt me!" the Lord knew better, and did not believe vou! Riches are a benefit to some, not to all

to a race of men, not to every man of the Christ pitied the rich and rather blessed the poor. And between the two, the rich are likely to have the hardest time in reaching the kingdom. Being rich is not the same as being happy. Happine s consists man ever had that-but in having such control over your wants, that you can always bring them within your ability. Riches and poverty are comparative terms Every one here is rich compared with the beggar that shivers at his door, and we are all poor compared with the Rothchilds. And every one here is rich who has all he needs, compared with him whose greed al-ways exceeds his gains. Oh, if we could only see what the Lord has spared us from becoming, we would no doubt render

thanks to Him for our poverty.

There is a benefit and blessedness in tears. There is a benefit and blessedness in tears. the world all about you, and God and it is such a short step between sorrow and Heaven over you! If you cannot find laughter. H-A-Ha! is the exclamation of much in the past or in the present to injoy. A-H-Ah! that of sorrow, and the
difference between them is only the transposition of one letter. And during the year low often, how suddenly, has that letter been transposed!

Senece says, "that man is unbappy who has never known affliction," David said affliction was good for him. Sorrow is better than laughter," if you measure it by the good it does, Most men are like Mr. Dombey," some one has said, "hard, cold, baked to a crust by the hot We must learn how to sympathize, by wanting sympathy. And the tears you have shed, tears over great mistakes; tears over terrible losses; tears over physical in frmities, and spiritual weaknesses : tears over the green grave where half your heart am gay and brilliant. You are sedate and is buried; tears over the white face in the pious. I cannot love you. Here are soffin where the other half is sleeping ; tears that have fallen as the rain drops do from the blossoms and branches during a summers shower,—among all these tear God has scattered the perfume of his bless-

" All hearts are better made by ill

distinguished Senator, after he had shoe, thrust it into his bosom where for years he carried it next to his grieved heart. Never imitate him! Afflictions while they create misery and pain, are not meant to perpetuate them. "Forget the things that are behind! Get an inspiration from them and then press forward! Let us thank God for tears, but not by crying! "We must all die, and be as water spilt upon the ground, which cannot be gathered up his glass, with less thankfulness than the towl he eats had, for every time a towl but remember brethren the moral attached salvation and call upon the name of the takes a sip of water, it lifts up its head to to this by F. W. Robertson, "let us not Lord."

many, the world seemingly has needed

we should be grateful. Home is more than To hasten this day good men must go to day. Homer and Milton knew how to val. parents are or have been. And living or are. Like arrows in battle, so thick have been life's dangers about our little ones. day? Last night your family separated for sleep. We fall asleep in Christ and separate for the night—thank God then for the morn coming when we shall sit down together in the kingdom. Our wives, thank God for them. Once they were sweethearts. and they ought to be still. We should treat them as if they were! That which sweetens home is the heart of our wives. and we ought to be thankful for them Some homes have been pillaged for plununder the Sheriff's hammer. A black wagon, grey horses, and a long procession,

Many strike success in business from their

the most of us have is the luck of rising amounted to ! God has given us the power to make money and the opportunity at with chance like a blind man, drawing out tickets, and giving to one and another a lucky number. God is "the author of every good and perfect gift." "In Uim we live and move and have our being. race. We say, "God pity the poor!" But And for both success and failure in busi ness we should thank God, for the one may be as great a blesssing as the other. And what have you rendered unto the Lord for

> There may be some unnoticed stranger so little occasion for thanksgiving. Once he had days of thanksgiving. But the old home tead has been torn down, and mother and father have moved off to the churchyard, and the children are scattered, as the wind scatters the leaves when they fall His own home is plain and cheerless. Work is scarce. The children are sick. And the lone wife that waits for his return to-day has a heart as heavy as his own. Never

all His benefits toward you ?

You have your mother's Bible. Thank God for that! You have Christ beside you, matter if all the world leave you, God will be more than all the world to you, and with Christ here and glory hereafter, you have reason enough to be thankful. "And what have you rendered unto the Lord for all his benefits toward you?"

Lord? What shall I render says the prosperous rich man ! My debt is heavy, ! admit, My health for years has been good. My wife and children have been spared. My business has been successful! how this obligation must be tallied, and out comes his check for fifty, or a hundred dollars! Put it back! The Lord won'

A nusband says to his wife: pious. I cannot love you. Here are horses and wagons. Here is this beautiful home. Live here tall you die. Pray for me now and then! I must be gone!" Will that satisfy her? Can gifts be a substitute for love? She don't want his

money! She wants him, God wants you! Your money, your good works while they may express your love never can be a substitute for it. God wants your heart! What shall we render to him! Our gift is not equal to his and never can be, but bless God ! for Christ's

